MICAWBERS ROYALTY

plane of princely mediocrity.

There can be no question about it—
the royal families of Europe are slowly but surely deteriorating. Intermar-



sen. "Coming events cast their was before," and the weight of the ending crowns is felt in some degree their predentined wearers even be fore they actually rest upon their heads.
With the exception of the heirs to the
several thrones there is scarcely a
prince or princess of the blood royal in upon public interest barring his royal

lineage.

Take the descendants of the Bonapartes, for instance. None of them has so far amounted to anything, nor is it probable that any of them will distinguish himself. Prince Victor Napoleon, at thirty-one, and Prince Louis Napoleon, at twenty-nine, are about as useless young men as one could imagine. They are of very elender intellectual capacity, have no sertious occupation whatever and are simply living on their names, with the aidons occupation whatever and are simply living on their names, with the sid of a pension subscribed by the remaining adherents of the Bonaparte family. Empress Eugenie has wearied of supporting them and has practically cut off their supplies, leaving them as charges on the Bonapartists.

The aged, if not renerable, Princess Mathible Bonapartie, a daughter of

Mathible Bonaparte, a daughter of Queen Hortense and a niece of Napoleon, despite her sixty years, is quite at live in her own peculiar society and has made herself much talked about by her rather indiscreet conduct. Like Princes Victor and Louis she is living in hopes of the impossible, the restoration of the Bonaparte family.

The Origanist princes are not much

The Oriennist princes are not much setter, though the head of the family, and the once possible successor to the French throne. Comte de Paris, did cast off his inertia and come over to this country to aid in the struggle for the maintenance of the union. Due



EX-QUEEN ISABELLA, OF SPAIN.

d'Aurfale is, perhaps, the best of the jot; but Due d'Orleans has repeatedly dragged the family name in the mire, one of his escapsies being his notorious pursuit of an opera singer in Vienna. The Orleanists are pretty well fixed financially; in fact, are wealthy. They are exceedingly avaricious, how-ever, and have repeatedly evicted ten-ants from the miserable tenement becase owned by them, and cast them out into the street to live or die, as the

Faris is the Mecca of deposed mon-arcies and worthless princes, the most note its member of its royal colony, perhaps, being ex-Queen Isabella of spean to require any lengthy review here. Suffice it to say, she is probably the most dissolute woman of royal blood in Europe at least has horne that unenviable reputation for many years. Though well advanced in years, she still clings to her obt association she certainly did so up to three years ago-and her ausavery character has

Archduke Otto, who married a daughter of the king of Saxony, was at dinner at the officers' mem one night about three months after his marriage. He imbibed freely, even for an archduke, and when tired of the attendant revelry proposed that all hands should accompany him to his wife's bedchamber and there observe how beautiful was the woman he had married. His reckless companions assented and the party repaired to the palace, fully intent on carrying out the archduke's infamous suggestion. Nothing but the interposition of his chamberlain, who swore he would sacrifice his life on the he would sacrifice his life on the swore he would merifice his life on the threshold of the chamber, prevented

threshold of the chamber, prevented the entrance of the roysterers.

So far as Germany is concerned, the strong personality of the present kaiser would overshadow even much more brilliant men than the members of his imperial family. As it is, none of them being over and above bright, they are rarely, if even heard of, and the imperial family of Germany may be said to consist of one man, Kaiser Wilhelm II. It must be remembered, however. IL. It must be remembered, however, that even William the Great was half scornfully regarded prior to his acces-sion to the throne of Prussia, and when



MILAN IN TYBOLEAN SHOOTING SUIT.

the first year or two of his reign turned out uneventful his subjects wagged their heads and sadly murmured: "I told you so" to each other. It is just possible that some member of the pres-ent imperial family may turn cut as did William I., but as yet there are no indications in that direction.

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The two reigning princes of the German province of Reuss, might well have suggested some of Mr. Gilbert's extravaganzas in the comic opera line. With a population of not more than 20,000, the little principality maintains the pomp and ceremony of a veritable kingdom. It has its army of a score or so of infantrymen and an equal number of cavalrymen, and princes of Reuss fairly revel in court officials and what not. They also dispense titles, and it is said that also dispense titles, and it is said that sundry American titles are traceable to this buriesque on a kingdom. Of course, the princes of Reuss amount to nothing outside their dominion. They are in reality little more than over-seers for Kaiser Wilhelm, and have no particular standing when they visit the court at Berlin.

Take them all in all, the princes of England are about the best of their kind. None of them are brilliant, but all the members of the royal family have been carefully educated and are gentlemen, whatever else they may not be. Contrary to the notion prevalent in America, they have no particu-lar standing as princes but are simply members of the nobility. Some of the older members of the nobility— the men who trace their genealogy back to the conquest actually look down upon them. The fact that all of them are pensioners of the government has much to do with this feeling, as all of the nobility, aside from the members of the royal family, serve their country for the mere honor of doing so and never think of accepting salaries. The royal family, however, from the prince of Wales down, regularly draw their salaries, and hence are regarded by men like Lord Salisbury, Marquis of Westminster and other men of like standing, as mere salaried employes of the government.

WELL-HEELED ROBBERS. Bullets of Lead Did Not Seem to Annoy Them.

Leaning against one of the big iron pillers that support the roof of the train shed at the railroad depot at Birth street one day recently was a character of a decidedly unique cut in the person of "Bill" Brady. To all outward appearances Brudy would have passed for one of the Virginia farmers waiting for his train to back into the waiting for his train to back into the depot, but appearances would have been at fault in this instance, as he is one of the shrewdest and most during relieved detectives comployed by any of the big relieved overporations. Brady is a nuscular fellow, standing full six feet in his stockings, well tanned by the sun, and possesses a spirit that is only at rust when on the scent of train publics and trange. He has been in the tituf-entehing business for relieved a for the last aftern years, and has had an experience varied enough and thrilling to easily fill out the covers of several semesticual novels, mys the Washton Sinc.



discovered their movements.

Back they rushed toward the rear end of the train, and the four men turned the last car at the same instant and stood face to face. Again the revolvers cracked and Brady's companion dropped to the ground with a groan, and Brady received a bullet in the right shoulder that disabled him. The robbers backed off and disappeared in a clump of woods near by. Both officers were in the hos-pital for several weeks as a result of their wounds. The robbers escaped and were never afterward apprehended. Brady said at the time that the thing that puzzled him the most was the fact that he could "down" none of the robbers. He carried a 48-caliber revolver of the best pattern, and when he had fired at them in both instance stood only three yards apart. The mysstood only three yards apart. The mystery was cleared up the next day when two breast and head plates of steel were found alongside the track. The plates extended from the waist to the top of the head and were about three-quarters of an inch thick. Holes for eyes had been cut in them and straps were riveted on to hold them fast at the waist and neels.

THE SENTIMENTAL TIGER.

Beneficent Effect of the Gospel on Our Modern Civilization.

The Gospel, according to Rousseau, is iargely responsible for the develop-ment of a certain breed of sentimental ment of a certain breed of sentimental tiger, to whom the atrocities of the French revolution were principally due, and it has been a good deal discredited since the end of the last century. This doctrine of the evil inflicted by civilization may, however, probably still be held in anarchist circles, ably still be held in anarchist circles, and, if it were true, would, perhaps, almost justify their existence. But many people, even philosophers and others not professedly bound to uphold the older Gospel which was preached some nineteen hundred years ago, hold that it has profoundly affected our civilization, and has introduced into it elements by force of which it decidedly does make man better and not worse.

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It will not, I imagine, be contested that philanthropy is a distinguishing characteristic of that Gospel of love which is the essence of Christian religion, and philanthropy has never attained a higher development than now, when it is, perhaps, one of the principal features of the present stage of civilization. Philanthropy has led to an entirely new way of dealing with crime, namely, by prevention instead of by punishment, and one of the principal results of this philanthropic idea is the establishment of industrial schools, in which young persons who seem likely to fall into crime and to develop into adult criminals may be trained in a better way and made into useful members of society.—Nineteenth Century.

John Christ, of Shamokin, Pa., owned a dog which was getting old and had outlived its usefulness. In order to rid the assignal of its suffering without much pain he bethought himself of dynamits. He bound the dog to a tree in the yard, the dynamite was attached, and, after applying a match to the fuse, the owner made haste to get out of the way. He started for the kitchen, but the dog broke house and started in persuit. Both cromed the threshold of the dog was blown to fragments, while Christ, strange to my, escaped without a scretch.

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